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Date: Fri, 1 May 2009 14:39:41 EDT
Reply-To: AGage95526@AOL.COM
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Andrew Gage <AGage95526@AOL.COM>
Subject: Percentage of Unlisted Phone Numbers
Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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I am looking for a resource that will identify the percentage of unlisted=
phone numbers in a geographical area, ie. city, county, or state level.=
I specifically want to verify the percentage of unlisted phone numbers in=
California/Los Angeles. In the one article I found it said it was close to=
50% of all phone numbers were unlisted but the individual who posted that=
can
=E2=80=99t verify where he got that information.
I=E2=80=99m hoping you may be able to provide me with actually information=
, data,
web sites or articles about this.
Also if you have any information relating to the differences between list=

and random sample that would be helpful as well.

Thanks-

Andy Gage

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Date: Sun, 3 May 2009 13:46:18 -0700
Reply-To: Jon Krosnick <krosnick@STANFORD.EDU>
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: Jon Krosnick <krosnick@STANFORD.EDU>
Subject: Job Opportunity at Stanford University - Survey Research
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Job Opening

Professor Jon Krosnick of Stanford University (Departments of Communication, Political Science, and Psychology) seeks to hire a full-time postdoctoral staff researcher for a one-year appointment, with possibility of renewal, beginning approximately August 15, 2009. The researcher will work on-site at Stanford University.

This is an excellent opportunity for a Ph.D. social scientist (e.g., psychologist, political scientist, sociologist, communication scholar) with considerable expertise and experience in political psychology and survey research methodology to publish quickly as part of a career in academia and/or industry.

The postdoctoral researcher will work on a number of projects designed by Professor Krosnick to yield publications, including these two:

1) A project funded by the Woods Institute for the Environment at Stanford, studying American public opinion about global warming through national surveys (see <http://woods.stanford.edu/research/surveys.html>). Research activities will include conducting sophisticated statistical analyses of data from large surveys of nationally representative samples, preparation of manuscripts for journal publication, preparation of conference presentations and seminars, and supervision of undergraduate research assistants conducting coding of news media stories.

2) A project funded by the National Science Foundation that evaluates the effectiveness of a new method of survey data collection. In this study, 1,000 Americans were randomly selected from across the country and were given a free laptop computer and a free high-speed Internet connection at home in exchange for answering 30 minutes of survey question each month for 12 months. The value of this method will be gauged, for example, by assessing the representativeness of the sample, attrition over time, the impact of non-response, the extent of survey satisficing, the degree to which various well-demonstrated behavioral and attitudinal processes replicate using this survey mode, and more. Research activities will include complex statistical data analysis, preparation of manuscripts for journal submission, preparation of conference presentations and seminar presentations, and management of undergraduate research assistants.

The person hired in this position can expect to produce a series of publications in high quality journals in close collaboration with Professor Krosnick.

Applicants must have completed a social science PhD and have a

history of successful authoring of peer reviewed publications that have appeared in high quality social science journals. Applicants must have classroom training and out-of-the-classroom practical experience implementing and writing up complex statistical analysis procedures, including hierarchical linear modeling, covariance structure modeling, bootstrapping of standard errors, time series analysis, and others.

To apply for this position, please:

1) Send a letter of application and CV and three writing samples (preferably published journal articles) to Jon Krosnick at krosnickpostdoc@gmail.com.

2) After May 11, 2009, go to <http://jobs.stanford.edu/>, click on "Job Search," search for "34404" to locate this job, and submit all required information online to apply officially for the job.

Evaluation of applications will begin as they come in, and a candidate will be hired as soon as possible.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Howard Fienberg <howard.fienberg@MRA-NET.ORG>
Subject: Philadelphia field hearing on Census 2010 on May 11
Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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CARPER: FIELD HEARING ON 2010 CENSUS UNDERCOUNT

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WASHINGTON (May 1, 2009) - Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.), chairman of the Senate subcommittee that oversees the U.S. Census Bureau, will hold a field hearing in Philadelphia to examine how to avoid chronic undercounting in the 2010 Census.

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Experts in the field, including the acting Census Director and the mayors of Philadelphia and Wilmington, Del., will discuss their outreach strategies for the 2010 Census, the challenges and opportunities facing

hard-to-count communities, and what state and local governments can do to ensure an accurate, responsible census.

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Historically, large urban areas like Philadelphia have experienced problems getting all residents counted in the census for various reasons, including lack of public awareness, limited outreach, and the challenges in reaching such a diverse and mobile population.=20

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In 2000, Philadelphia had a census response rate of 56 percent, far below the national response rate of 67 percent. This led to a failure to count more than 19,000 Philadelphia residents, and resulted in a loss of some federal funding for Pennsylvania.=20

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This Philadelphia hearing is one of a series Sen. Carper has held here to improve the effectiveness, cost-efficiency and success of the 2010 Census.

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WHAT: "Making the Census Count in Urban America"

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WHEN: Monday, May 11, 2009, at 1:00 p.m.

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WHERE: The National Constitution Center, Philadelphia

Kirby Auditorium

525 Arch Street

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CONFIRMED WITNESSES:=20

- Tom Mesenbourg, Acting Census Director
- Hon. Michael Nutter, Philadelphia Mayor
- Hon. James Baker, Wilmington Mayor
- Pat Coulter, Executive Director, Philadelphia Urban League
- Norman Bristol-Colon, Executive Director, Governor's Advisory Commission on Latino Affairs, State of Pennsylvania

- Wanda M. Lopez, Executive Director, Governor's Advisory Council on
Hispanic Affairs, State of Delaware

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Andrew Gage <AGage95526@AOL.COM>
Subject: Percentage of Unlisted Phone Numbers Continued
Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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Enjoy!

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Reply-To: Pam Wells <pwells@DIR-ONLINE.COM>

Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: Pam Wells <pwells@DIR-ONLINE.COM>

Subject: Re: Percentage of Unlisted Phone Numbers Continued

Comments: To: AGage95526@AOL.COM, AAPORNET@ASU.EDU

In-Reply-To: <bca.49c9bd74.3730a97e@aol.com>

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Andy,

I was unable to get the condensed file through AAPORnet. Could you send it to me directly?

Pam

Pamela V. Wells

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From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Andrew Gage

Sent: Monday, May 04, 2009 3:27 PM

To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU

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Reply-To: AGage95526@AOL.COM
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Andrew Gage <AGage95526@AOL.COM>
Subject: Job Seeking
Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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I am in the process of job hunting and wanted to pass this information on to all of you. I was laid off by HealthStream Research back in October and have been looking for steady employment since. I did establish Andy Gage Consulting as a conduit for business opportunities.

I have over 15 years of market research and consulting experience. My experience is primarily in the healthcare field but my capabilities are adaptable to all industries. My expertise includes analysis of data, report writing and consulting.

I would be looking for full-time, part-time or contract work. I have a fully functional home office. Below you will find a link to my LinkedIn profile to give you an idea of what I have done and see people who have recommended me.

http://www.linkedin.com/in/andrewgage_
(<http://www.linkedin.com/in/andrewgage>)

If you have interest or would like to have a copy of my resume please contact me directly.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Date: Wed, 6 May 2009 07:18:17 -0400

Reply-To: Colleen Porter <colleen_porter@COX.NET>

Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: Colleen Porter <colleen_porter@COX.NET>

Subject: getting ready for next week

Comments: To: AAPORNET list <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

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Although I haven't quite grokked on to all the recent changes to Facebook, I think it is still true that I can't post a photo directly to the AAPOR page, which I can to my own profile in seconds with the iphone. So if anyone wants to follow my particular progress through those days next week, you are welcome to friend me, and I won't be offended when you defriend me afterward. This is not pure generosity; I can't come to AAPOR in 2010 due to a conflict with another conference, and I hope some folks will do the same then. (I'm an AAPOR fan, and in the Gainesville, FL network.)

I am sure there is some angst about flying and illness, with some cases of swine flu in Broward County. As the grandmother of a leukemia survivor, here are my hints on germs, things you might not have read elsewhere: First, trim your fingernails. Second, the studies on hand sanitizer that proved its efficacy were done for 60 seconds, which is a reeeally long time. If you don't have a song verse or poem that works for you, try squeezing out more than you need, and it will take longer to rub in. I have worn a mask when flying for years (I fly to Chicago the day after Christmas), and while I've read studies that a surgical mask doesn't really keep stuff out, it does seem to help, if only because people tend to give you a wider berth. I learned the hard way that there is a top and bottom to the mask, with the wire on the top, which should be fitted around your nose to make a tight seal, and that's particularly important for those of us with eyeglasses, to avoid steaming. I also recommend the book, "The Five-Second Rule and Other Myths About Germs: What Everyone Should Know About Bacteria, Viruses, Mold, and Mildew" by Anne E. Maczulak, Ph.D.

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See you on the beach,

Colleen Porter
Gainesville, FL

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Date: Wed, 6 May 2009 11:18:46 -0400
Reply-To: "Blumberg, Stephen J. (CDC/CCHIS/NCHS)" <swb5@CDC.GOV>
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: "Blumberg, Stephen J. (CDC/CCHIS/NCHS)" <swb5@CDC.GOV>
Subject: Updated wireless-only and wireless-mostly estimates
Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
MIME-Version: 1.0
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Today, the National Center for Health Statistics updated our estimates of the size and characteristics of the population without landline telephones. This new report, based on National Health Interview Survey data collected from July - December 2008, reveals:

* The largest 6-month increase we have ever observed in the prevalence of wireless-only households.

* The number of adults living in wireless-only households exceeds the number of adults living in landline-only households for the first time.

* An increasing trend in the prevalence of wireless-mostly adults.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nhis/earlyrelease/wireless200905.htm>

or

<http://tinyurl.com/dljkac>

Note: The tables may be easier to read if you download the PDF version of the report.

--Stephen--

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Reply-To: slosh@garnet.acns.fsu.edu
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Susan Losh <slosh@FSU.EDU>
Subject: Re: getting ready for next week
Comments: To: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@asu.edu>
In-Reply-To: <8971BFAE-98CD-48A5-9AF7-0AA7697D377D@cox.net>
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As an old Detroitter (as are you), Stop in the Name of Love gets my vote.

----- Original Message -----

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Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2009 7:19 am
Subject: getting ready for next week
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU

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I try to take one day at a time but sometimes several days attack me all at once. Anonymous.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: "Kotler-Berkowitz, Laurence" <Laurence.Kotler-Berkowitz@UJC.ORG>
Subject: surveying minors
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu
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Can someone point me to the relevant standards - legal and/or
professional - for surveying minors? Many thanks in advance.

Laurence Kotler-Berkowitz, Ph.D.

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Date: Thu, 7 May 2009 04:54:21 -0700
Reply-To: Matthew Courser <mattcourser@YAHOO.COM>
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Matthew Courser <mattcourser@YAHOO.COM>
Subject: Incentive form and amount in a 10-15 wave longitudinal survey
Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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Good morning, all.

Colleagues of mine are designing a survey that will involve respondents in an educational setting completing one short survey per week for 10-15 weeks (the survey questionnaire will have between 15 and 20 questions). They have asked me to post the following questions to AAPORnet.

They are trying to figure out how best to reduce attrition from their panel. But at the same time, they would like their implementation to follow a natural course such that the incentive doesn't bias their responses to the survey.

So here are their questions:

1. Is it better to use a lump sum prepayment at the beginning, or interval payments upon completion of each survey? The literature my colleagues looked at favored a prepayment, but it was often in the context of a one-time event (completing a survey, attending a workshop). Their thought is that a large incentive up front (without subsequent interval payments) would bias our responders less. But would it keep them engaged? Thoughts?
2. From their review of the lit, it looks like cash is clearly better than any other form of incentive. Do you agree? Are you aware of any research on the effectiveness of replenishing debit cards?
3. Any guidance on the amount they should offer? We want it to be large enough (particularly if we use prepayment) to keep them interested, but not so big as to be coercive or "too good to be true."

Thanks for your help!

--Matt

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Leo Simonetta <Simonetta@ARTSCI.COM>
Subject: Robo-something or other
Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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A colleague of mine reports getting multiple IVR surveys from
202-461-3460 (caller ID says CAMPRES).

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He says they appear to be push polling on gay marriage (from his
description they could merely be doing data collection for further
contact or fund raising) =20

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Anyone else heard about this?

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From: Howard Fienberg <howard.fienberg@MRA-NET.ORG>
Subject: Re: surveying minors
Comments: To: "Kotler-Berkowitz, Laurence" <Laurence.Kotler-Berkowitz@UJC.ORG>,
AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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Laurence, the Marketing Research Association (MRA) recommended best practices for research with minors (anyone under the age of majority of the state in which the respondent is located) are to ensure parental consent in advance of research and as much control during the process and over the resulting data as possible. Written consent is the best (especially from a legal standpoint).

We generally tell researchers to consult the principles underlying the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) -- although it only legally applies online and to children under the age of 13 -- and to try to apply them as best they can in their own work with minors, online or offline, in person or over the phone.

Obviously, ensuring parental consent and control is easier in some modes than others (a mall intercept study, for instance, would make that difficult).

MRA members can learn more about these kinds of laws and best practices in the MRA Compliance Guide - <http://www.cmor.org/dref>

And Laurence, please say hi to William Daroff and Rob Goldberg in your policy/legislative department!

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From: Brad Edwards <EDWARDDB1@WESTAT.COM>
Subject: Westat is hiring!
Comments: To: "AAPORNET@asu.edu" <AAPORNET@asu.edu>
Comments: cc: Russ French <RussFrench@westat.com>
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- * Email your resume to Russ French (russfrench@westat.com<<mailto:brad-edwards@westat.com>>) to request a longer, more formal interview on site at the conference. Mention AAPOR in your cover note, indicate which jobs interest you, and tell us what days and times you can be available for an interview.

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From: "Safir, Adam - BLS" <Safir.Adam@BLS.GOV>

Subject: JPSM Distinguished Lecture May 8, 2009

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Posting on behalf of Michael Lemay:

"Incorporating Level of Effort Paradata in Nonresponse Adjustments"

Friday, May 8, 2009 @ 3:30 p.m.

2205 Lefrak Hall, University of Maryland, College Park

Website: <http://tinyurl.com/cmfc5b>

Paul P. Biemer, RTI International and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Discussants:

Jonaki Bose, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

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Please join us on the 8th! The talk is open to the public, but we ask you to let us know you are coming by sending a note to Sarah Gebremicael at sgebremicael@survey.umd.edu. There will be a reception immediately following the lecture.

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Hello,

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I'm looking for a company (or individual) that can recommend someone that has done a good job for them (and are reasonably priced) in translating Korean, Vietnamese, and Chinese. Please contact me off-line. Thanks.

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Laurence--

HHS' Office for Human Research Protections has a lot of information on doing research with special populations including minors.

Here is the link:
<http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/>

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Colleen Porter <colleen_porter@COX.NET>
Subject: More on photos, etc.
Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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So I tried a test to see if fans of AAPOR can post photos to the AAPOR facebook page, and it did work from my laptop with these instructions:

- > ...On the Wall,
- > click the status update ("What's on your mind") box and then try the
- > Photo link, which appears to give upload options.

I apologize to fans who got my test photo, but now we know. So for those who facebook via a computer, that should work. For me personally, it isn't so helpful because 99% of my facebooking is via the iphone. I get the updates from AAPOR just fine, but can't seem to access the AAPOR Wall via iphone. If another iphone user has figured this out, please contact me offline.

But the fun thing about getting friended by some folks interested in updates from conference was that it turns out a respected AAPORite went to high school with my sister. (A sibling population of N=8 helps with that probability, but still.)

I wanted to wish all the fun run/walkers the best; I will not be there as usual, because I dislocated my pelvis last fall. So it was nice that I had my moment of glory last year:) Actually, folks at my lunch table that day will tell you that I felt guilty about accepting that "tie win." What happened was

the person in front of me was wearing an ipod so I didn't want to disturb her by chatting during the walk, but she kept a great pace that was just enough of a stretch for a good workout--I followed 8 feet behind her the entire time, and as we were nearing the end pulled up only to thank her for being such a wonderful pace-setter. So maybe we did cross the line at the same time, but not really--and I had no idea we were first.

Also, some of us are thinking of going to the Star Trek movie on that Friday night. Being a weekend and so close to opening, we might want to get tickets in advance, so drop me a line if interested.

Live long and prosper,

Colleen Porter
Gainesville, FL

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Matt--

In a different context, we had about 500 people over a four day period for a variety of data collection methods in a study that we did about one year ago. Most (over 300) people were asked to come in for one to two hours each day for four days. Others were asked to come in and stay most of the day (about 9:00 am to 5:00 pm with lunch paid via voucher - they could only use the voucher for food in an adjoining food court). All filled out one or two page (~ 30 items) questionnaires after some specified activity; the all day people participated in multiple focus groups and interviews in addition. So, we used cash (in the form of a check) incentives of varying levels, depending on extent of participation. We also had a small number of rules:

1. All incentives were paid out at the end of the four day period.
2. If the participant stopped participating before the four days ended (and a handful did), they received nothing.
3. The 1-2 hours per day for 4 days received \$60. The all-day people received \$480. All were paid out in a lump sum at the end.
4. Additionally, all participants were eligible for a bonuses of \$500 (1-2 hours per day participants) or \$1,000 (all day participants) This was also done at the end.

The incentive equated \$10/hour for the part time, and \$15/hour for the all day participants.

Two things to note: all of these sessions were done in a dedicated facility that the participants had to come to (rather than a mail or telephone survey), and all participants were recruited via local firms that supply research subjects/panels, and so on.

I hope this information helps your own thinking on the incentive issue. Most of the work that I do (research on contracts with various federal agencies) explicitly forbids the use of incentives of any kind for fear of creating response bias. The study I described above was different because of the level of commitment required on the part of the participant.

Ron

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Sent: Thursday, May 07, 2009 7:54 AM
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
Subject: Incentive form and amount in a 10-15 wave longitudinal survey

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Thanks for your help!

--Matt

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Also an article that may help as well:

Charities, No; Lotteries, No; Cash, Yes: Main Effects and Interactions in a
Canadian Incentives
Experiment
Author(s): Keith Warriner, John Goyder, Heidi Gjertsen, Paula Hohner, Kathleen
McSpurren
Source: The Public Opinion Quarterly, Vol. 60, No. 4 (Winter, 1996), pp. 542-
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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Matthew Jans <mattjans@ISR.UMICH.EDU>
Subject: AAPOR Student Social Hour, Friday, 7PM,
BarSu in the Westin Diplomat Lobby
Comments: To: smsnet@umich.edu, AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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Fellow students,=20
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Let's plan to get together for our AAPOR happy-hour on Friday at around =
7 at BarSu, which is on the ground floor of the Westin Diplomat Lobby. =
This gives folks time to get a bite to eat before and time to do other =
things after. Last year, some of us carried the social hour over into =
the bar crawl, and that would be possible (though not required of =
course) again.=20
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For those students new to AAPOR, this is a nice way to meet your =
contemporaries who are studying public opinion, political science, and =
survey methodology at other universities in a casual and fun =
environment. Please come, even if you are a first-time AAPOR attendee.
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Hope to see you all there.=20
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-Matt

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From: Melissa Marcello <mmarcello@PURSUANTRESEARCH.COM>
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Thanks in advance for your help,

Melissa

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Dear Melissa-

I know that there is some literature (John Krosnick) that shows that you will get more "don't know" or "no opinion" responses if you include it as an explicit response. I am not sure which mode(s) this study or studies used.

Your vendor's solution is, I think, a good one. You can get a lot of break-offs if you exclude the don't know option but force a response. Our rule is not to force a response in situations where there is no "don't know" or "no opinion" response. In his latest book, Don Dillman advocates not forcing responses at all.

However, missing data makes it difficult to apply multiple regression or

other multivariate techniques to the data. While a "no opinion" response can be recoded to a neutral position on a scale, it is questionable whether or not you can do that with a skipped question since the respondent may have skipped the question accidentally or because he/she was getting fatigued. So there are situations in which it is appropriate to use a "no opinion" response in combination with a forced response.

Hope this helps.

Becky Quarles

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PAPOR wants to announce that we are planning a post-AAPOR gathering at UC Berkeley on Friday June 12 (9 AM to 4PM), to present topical briefings to those who could not attend the upcoming AAPOR conference in Florida. The presentations will be lead by AAPOR attendees. We're looking for 15 to 20 minute presentations on the topic(s), whose panels were attended at AAPOR. So, for example, one of our PAPOR Council members will attend AAPOR panels related to elections and then will put together a little recap to brief us at the PAPOR event. Presentations that cover a panel here and there, across topics, would be welcome as well as presentations that focus in more depth on more panels within a single topic. Those who are attending AAPOR will also benefit from the presentations of other sessions that they could not attend, due to a scheduling conflict.

If you can help out with a presentation -- at least tentatively -- please let us know before the AAPOR conference, if possible. If not, you can seek us out at the PAPOR table at the AAPOR Chapter Reception, on Thursday night, 5/14, or e-mail Ginger Blazier, gblazier@diresearch.com, to let us know if you can present. It would be greatly appreciated.

We hope that you can make a presentation, but if not, it would still be great to see you at the PAPOR gathering on June 12.

Thanks and we look forward to seeing many of you in Florida.

- Ginger Blazier, PAPOR President

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I saw a survey recently that used "NO opinion" (uppercase intended), and I liked that for an evaluation question. This category label can be used by respondents whether or not the item was applicable to them. This survey used it in the middle of the scale, but you could also put it at the beginning or end of the scale.

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I agree with Melissa and Jim. The item developers or evaluation specialists I've worked with over the years have thought long and hard about including a "DK" response of any form. They and I consider the subject matter and the likelihood of the respondents having some opinion about each question. We try to obtain responses on all questions, and don't make assumptions that a skipped question implies a "No" response. There could be other reasons, such as fatigue, trouble with a given question, etc. We've also tried to have respondents be aware of questions providing "DK" responses, by mentioning that option existing, in the item instructions or just providing that option as the far right (or last read after a full

list) option.

I don't fully hold to the role of skip logic and context affecting the chance for a DK response. I consider each question as holding its own opportunity for someone's not knowing something about it. I think of that as safer than relying too much on context.

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I don't consider a "NO opinion" as beginning at the beginning of the scale, since a number of studies have shown that respondents can usually find a response fitting their views if they read through all choices, and if not they then can select "NO opinion". Based on the rating scale used, it usually doesn't belong in the middle, such as in going from "highly endorse" to "not endorse at all" it doesn't fit conceptually. It also doesn't fit in a "highly satisfied" to "highly dissatisfied" format, since it doesn't map out to the middle of the continuum. And in a "Yes" to "No" format, it doesn't really belong in the middle.

I'd seem some occasional value for it as needed, but after all response options are provided respondents.

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On May 11, 2009, at 5:14 PM, Featherston, Fran A. wrote:

> I saw a survey recently that used "NO opinion" (uppercase intended),
> and I liked that for an evaluation question. This category label
> can be
> used by respondents whether or not the item was applicable to them.

> This survey used it in the middle of the scale, but you could also put
> it at the beginning or end of the scale.
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> Subject: Re: [AAPORNET] "Don't know" response category in online
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> Melissa--
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> In general, our "bias" is to not provide a "do not know" type of
> response (because it provides the respondent an "easy out"), but we
> take
> the following factors into account:
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> 1. Whether it makes sense to allow SOME FORM for a do not know
> response.
> By some form, I mean to say that we may use variations of: Do not
> know,
> OR Does not apply, OR Decline to answer OR Not enough information to
> assess, OR Not enough experience to judge. In short, we try to get
> some
> information behind the reticence to give one of response choices.
>
> 2. Whether the response item set is bidirectional or unidirectional
> (e.g., whether the response item set goes from "Very bad" to "Neutral"
> to "Very good" on some dimension, or from "No instance" of the
> dimension
> to "A great deal of that dimension). In the former, having a neutral
> response helps minimize the need for a DK response.
>
> 3. The context and flow of the questionnaire items. Each item in a
> questionnaire exists in a context: its relationship to questions
> before
> it, and after it, the labeled (or unlabeled) section that it's in, and
> so on. Whether or not to include some form of DK can be affected by
> that
> context.
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> 4. Whether "forcing a choice" is a "natural forcing" or an
> unnatural one
> (e.g., can one identify a set of circumstances, or a type of
> respondent
> for whom aa don't know would be an easy out - and what are the

> costs of
> not giving that out to them?)
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> If we do put in some form of such responses, we (1) put all the
> items -
> again, where it makes sense - with the same DK type of response
> together, and (2) we visually offset the DK from the regular response
> set - either via spacing or shading or both, to emphasize that these
> form a different class of responses altogether.
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> Sometimes, we will use MORE THAN ONE form of a DK response, so
> decrease
> the possibility that it be seen as an easy out and try to get more
> precise information from the respondent.
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> I hope this helps.
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> Sent: Monday, May 11, 2009 3:41 PM
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> Subject: Re: "Don't know" response category in online surveys
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> who have no experience with a particular service. In my opinion, the
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> experience is much more useful than data gained by forcing a neutral
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Melissa-=20

Howard and Milton bring up the interesting point of: how are you gonna =
use the results? The answer to that question ultimately determines what =
you will do.=20

Why have a DK type of response option? Just to avoid having a =
blank/missing response? If so, how are you going to use that =
information? If you are going to just report out the data in summary =
form (e.g., percentages, etc), then fine. BUT, if you are doing more =
analysis, then maybe not so fine.=20

For example, when we don't have a DK (or equivalent) option in our =
questionnaires, we NEVER make assumptions on the "meaning" of a blank =
(i.e., missing) response. It's a missing value, period. (We may perform =
imputation in various forms but that's another topic).=20

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effect. For example, let's say that you have a questionnaire that has a =
large number of attitudinal items that you are measuring via a Likert =
type scale at the ordinal level of measurement. The responses are coded =
(say) 1 through 5. When you have a DK (or "not enuf info to have an =
opinion" or any other variant), where does that fall on the scale? It's =
neither a 0 nor a 6. In all likelihood, you would code it as a missing =
value when you get to doing multiple regressions, ANOVAs or other =
inferential statistics.=20

If you are reporting Frequencies and Crosstabs, DK may make a lot of =
sense. But for analysis beyond that, a DK response will not be helpful =
in most instances.=20

My \$0.02 (not the opinions or policies or my employer)...=20

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I am posting this for a colleague. Please see the announcement below.

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I've just read and re-read the AAPOR code of ethics and it is still unclear to me; from "Standards for Minimal Disclosure": "The exact wording of questions asked, including the text of any preceding instruction or explanation to the interviewer or respondents that might reasonably be expected to affect the response."

Am I understanding this clearly, that if one were to release certain polling data publicly, by AAPOR's standards I would not be expected or compelled to release THE ENTIRE survey from which the data originate, but merely those parts of the survey that relate directly to the specific data released?

Oh - and I hope everyone is enjoying Florida.

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Hi, I'll be grateful for any insights and suggestions on the following questions--

When and how should a survey publication cite a publication when using the

same or a similar question used in another's survey?

Do we point to a reference when making small changes (like substituting words) to a given question, or only when it is used verbatim?

I haven't seen this addressed anywhere, but it's very possible I've overlooked some resource on the AAPOR site.

For those of you who make it to the conference, hope you have a wonderful time.

- Paul

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In court, working without a net

Laura Vozzella
www.baltimoresun.com/news/local/baltimore_city/bal-md.vozzella24apr24,0,4399357.column

April 24, 2009

In one corner, defense lawyers explaining away a developer's expensive gifts to two city officials with showstopping legal gymnastics.

In the other, a prosecutor who had courtroom spectators on the edge of their seats, but only because she shouldn't have been working without a net.

Retired Howard County Circuit Judge Dennis Sweeney held a hearing Thursday on motions to dismiss the criminal cases against Mayor Sheila Dixon, City Councilwoman Helen Holton and developer Ron Lipscomb.

All of the defense attorneys performed ably, but Lipscomb attorney Steve Wrobel pulled off one of the most creative feats. His client is accused of paying for a \$12,500 poll for Holton. Prosecutors call that a bribe because Lipscomb had projects before the council and a committee Holton chaired.

But Wrobel said the telephone survey constituted free speech because it was a "push poll."

"The questions were structured in such a way to push those respondents into Helen Holton's camp," Wrobel said.

People normally don't want their fingerprints on push polls. They're a dirty trick, a way of promoting a candidate under the guise of a neutral telephone survey.

But Lipscomb would sooner cop to push polling than bribery.

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The Edwards 2008 What-If

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By Mark Blumenthal

http://www.pollster.com/blogs/the_publication_of_a_new.php

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The publication of a new book by Elizabeth Edwards, and especially the revelation that she advised her husband against running in 2008, has created a lot of "what if" speculation about how the race might have been different. Two weeks ago, for example, Hillary Clinton's former pollster Mark Penn speculated that a 2008 presidential race without John Edwards would have been "very different," adding "if he had come out and dropped out of the race particularly early, I think a lot of voters would have taken a good fresh look at Hillary Clinton." =20

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Hi,

At the organization where I work we have roughly 2200 members. Given that number, we always survey the whole population. Usually we have a normal response rate and we have a good representation of the whole population. However, for new initiatives we have very few people responding and we get response rates of 7% for example.=20

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My question is: Even if you can do a Census, is it always better than sampling? I understand that you don't get the sampling error you would get otherwise, but maybe if you design a sample that is representative of the population you can have more reliable data? Or should I do a Census and then weight responses?

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Thanks.

Santiago.

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Cost is not a problem since we do everything online. The problem is that new initiatives don't have the "trust" that other initiatives already have... Once we do a couple of data collection efforts, and people become familiar with what they get, the response rate increases dramatically. But the problem is then the first time we collect data, and maybe we should draw a sample for that one time to have better estimators. Thanks to all of you for giving me your insights. Cross checking thoughts with all of you is really helpful... how great is to have this resource at hand!

Santiago

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Had a number of folks ask me who put together the "Did You Know?" video used at the beginning of the plenary. The creative folks behind that are Professor Scott McLeod, Coordinator of the Education Administration Program at Iowa State University and Karl Fisch, Director of Technology at Arapahone High School in Centennial, CO. You can download this and other versions at their website: <http://shifthappens.wikispaces.com/>.

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Good morning!=20

As you know Afghanistan is in the top list of foreign priorities for the=20=

US and some of the major European countries and thus demand for quality=20=

and credible research is at its peak.=20

Opinion Research Center of Afghanistan (ORCA), being the first and the=20=
largest full service Afghan research center with a field team of over 700=
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experienced staff across the country, welcomes you to discuss future join=
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ventures.

If you are interested to make an appointment for a meeting at the Westin=20=

Diplomat Resort & Spa by May the 17th, send me an email at=20
rkakar@orca.com.af or call me at (305) 725-6153.

Best regards,
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Reminder to attend our student social hour tonight in the Westin Lobby =
(7PM, BarSu, behind the escalators on the right as you come in the front =
door)

We don't currently have a sponsor so bring your rich uncles :)

-Matt

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Dear AAPOR colleagues,

Below are the handy links to the succinct remarks Bob Groves has made in the recent Senate hearing and interpretaion by key media.

http://hsgac.senate.gov/public/_files/051509Groves.pdf

Census Nominee Rules Out Statistical Sampling in 2010<<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB124241977657124963.html>> Wall Street Journal

Groves rules out use of sampling in 2010

census<http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hXx_Z-rGJjGfdC5MFYs7vCq4fQzwD986OI980>

The

Associated Press

Nominee Promises Politics-Free

Census<<http://voices.washingtonpost.com/federal-eye/2009/05/groves.html?hpid=news-col-blog>>

Washington Post

Census Nominee Tries to Ease Republican Senators' Fears on 2010

Count<<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/16/us/politics/16census.html?ref=global-home>>

New

York Times

Building a Better Census

Bureau<<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/05/15/opinion/15fri2.html>> New

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From: Leora Lawton <lawton@TECHSOCIETY.COM>
Subject: rfp for program evaluation of prison recidivism
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Stumbled upon this...perhaps someone might be interested in it. I'm happy to partner but I have no experience in this particular kind of study, although I do spend several weeks on mass incarceration in a sociology course.

https://www.bidsync.com/DPXViewer/RFP_042-608539-HA.pdf?ac=auction&auc=199601&rndid=426373&docid=1118028

Hope folks have been having fun in florida.

-leora

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Take Our Survey: Are There Too Many Surveys?

by Linton Weeks

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Thanks for reading this article on the outrageous proliferation of surveys in contemporary America.=20

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You know what we're talking about: When you buy a computer, the retailer sends you a survey; so does the computer company. When you order a film or a sundress or a box of fruit online, you are asked to complete a survey. And when you kvetch to your phone/cable/Internet provider, you are asked to stay on the line to take a short survey.

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<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=3D104155385>

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Hello,

After a wonderful conference, I'm cleaning up all those little notes that end up in your pocket when you've been talking to a lot of people.

I was looking at an interesting poster by Larry Cohen and it brought to mind an article I saw some years ago in which the authors tested the efficacy of cover letters that used different 'tones' in approaching the respondent. One version was more academic in tone, another more informal, maybe one was more of a sales pitch. As I recall, the academic letter only worked for some types of respondents. (This might have been from researchers at Columbia, but I'm not sure of that.)

I couldn't locate the article and wondered if someone else knows of it and could steer me (and Larry) to it.

Thanks!

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Some haphazard observations as I struggle to readjust to real life.

Some conference ops stuff that was outstandingly positive this year: I loved the smaller-sized conference program (half-sized, spiral bound) and large READABLE first names on name tags. (Although quite a few people reported that their preferred name was not used, and thus we learned some legal first names.)

I was privileged to chair a session on addressed-based sampling, and attended another session on a similar topic, and there was a short course earlier. It was the first year that I heard people throwing out the abbreviation ABS and expecting people to know what it meant. I couldn't help smiling, because one often sees that term when shopping for a car (anti-lock brake system), and my team has been obsessed with vehicle puns for months. When we were trying to figure out the best way to ask about human papillomavirus, someone quipped that people might think HPV is some kind of vehicle, and someone else shot back that those were the same folks who thought MPH (master of public health) was miles per hour. So a bunch of MPH are considering ABS to ask about HPV:)

One of the things I got out of those many sessions was that addressed-based sampling addresses the issues of coverage, but on top of that there are still all kinds of mode differences, response concerns, etc. However, we should worry about the big thing of coverage first, then tackle the other issues. This clicked with me, because one of my collaborators has a shorthand we use to bring me back to the big picture when I start to obsess over details: "Are you adjusting the fine-tuning knob before making sure you are on the right channel?" That might not make sense to younger folks who don't remember television sets with a dial that turned around for stations; does anyone have a more modern analogy?

In one of the Q & As, someone talked about the respondent burden of telephone surveys, and how challenging questions can be for respondents over the phone. I think one could make arguments either way, depending on the literacy levels of the target audience, but what made me consider that comment very seriously was that I'd experienced some auditory confusion earlier in the conference. A mode study took me a while to sort out the "mail" from "male," and an otherwise excellent presentation about religion mentioned something like "nuns are not religious." I wasn't the only parochial school graduate to snicker at that. They meant "nones," of course.

One witty session chair pointed to the obsolete slide projector in the back of the room collecting dust and observed, "That must be a presentation about RDD."

My facebook friends already heard me rave about Martin Barron's amazing talk in which he didn't use bullet points, but rather flashed up a series of pictures and graphics and flowcharts to tell the story. It was awesome, and made me rethink presentations. Later he told me that he was inspired by this website and book:

<http://www.presentationzen.com/>

In the business meeting, there was some concern about the cost of conference registration presenting a barrier to junior-level people, and questions about whether we could keep costs down by not having meals included. Those with ops experience explained that the way hotel pricing works, the cost of meals defrays the cost of meeting room rental, so that without the meals, we would pay as much just for the rooms & setup. I'm sure the post-conference survey data will inform such decisions, and I hope someone does a review of what other conferences cost. I am sure it varies by field, but the other conferences I deal with are much pricier than AAPOR (health-related stuff). It would be interesting to see the range. I confess that while I stayed in a conference hotel to support the conference and because my employer was sending me, the grad student I brought stayed about a mile away at a place that cost \$59 per night.

The Merkle and Miller children were a delightful presence at many events. I also brought one of my children, but he is a bit taller (6'2") and older, getting a master's in Measurement & Evaluation in our education school. As Mike Davern observed, "You've raised a quant!" I'm very grateful to our friend Jim Caplan who took him under his wing, especially the day I was busy chairing then poster. I meant to introduce him to Tom Guterbock at the Saturday reception, but we got caught in an eddy and never connected. Later my son told me that he'd met "that guy" already; he'd given such an excellent presentation that my son went up to ask his secret, which turned out to be "30 years of experience teaching."

As a small-town Florida girl to whom beaches are commonplace but IMAX theaters not so much, I was thrilled to see the Star Trek movie on Friday, and grateful for the city dwellers who advised me on the best place to sit, etc.

The weather was amazingly good considering that rain all week had been predicted.

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Date: Tue, 19 May 2009 15:19:05 -0700
Reply-To: "Stephen J. Blumberg" <swb5@CDC.GOV>
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: "Stephen J. Blumberg" <swb5@CDC.GOV>
Subject: Re: clarification on the public release of polling

Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU, Jason Boxt <jboxt@GLOVERPARKGROUP.COM>
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Jason,

You are correct that by AAPOR's standards, you would not be expected or=20=
compelled to release THE ENTIRE survey from which the data originate, but=
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merely those parts of the survey that relate directly to the specific dat=
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A question similar to yours is included in the FAQs about disclosure=20
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not familiar with these FAQs, I am providing the link below and quoting=20=
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<http://www.aapor.org/disclosuresfaqs>

Q: We=E2=80=99ve released some results from our survey, but the questionn=
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includes some questions for which we don=E2=80=99t wish to release result=
s. Do we=20
need to disclose the wording of those questions?=20

A: Not necessarily. You can meet the requirement for release of question=20=
wording (=C2=A7III.2) by disclosing the wording of only those questions f=
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which results were released, along with the text of any preceding=20
instruction, explanation to the interviewer or respondents, or previous=20=
questions that might reasonably be expected to affect the response.=20

--Stephen--

Stephen Blumberg
Standards Chair, 2009-2010

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>

From: "Pollack, Lance" <Lance.Pollack@UCSF.EDU>
Subject: Re: clarification on the public release of polling
Comments: To: "AAPORNET@ASU.EDU" <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
In-Reply-To: <LISTSERV%200905191519058750.29C9@LISTS.ASU.EDU>
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It is also good practice, although not required, to also relate the overall content of the survey and the placement of the questions you are releasing data for in that survey. That gives your readership information on the survey context in which the questions were asked and allows for evaluation of whether earlier questions may have influenced responses to the relevant questions. The more you tell us (without disclosing proprietary information of course), the more we understand (hopefully).

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From: AAPORNET [mailto:AAPORNET@asu.edu] On Behalf Of Stephen J. Blumberg
Sent: Tuesday, May 19, 2009 3:19 PM
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
Subject: Re: clarification on the public release of polling

Jason,

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A: Not necessarily. You can meet the requirement for release of question wording (§III.2) by disclosing the wording of only those questions for which results were released, along with the text of any preceding instruction, explanation to the interviewer or respondents, or previous questions that might reasonably be expected to affect the response.

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: "Murphy, Joe" <jmurphy@RTI.ORG>
Subject: MAPOR 2009 Call for Papers
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Reply-To: StatGuy@AOL.COM
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: "David G. Wegge" <StatGuy@AOL.COM>
Subject: Re: MAPOR 2009 Call for Papers
Comments: To: jmurphy@RTI.ORG, AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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Hi Joe,

There wasn't an attachment on the e-mail.

Dave Wegge
St. Norbert College

In a message dated 5/21/2009 5:19:35 PM Central Daylight Time,
jmurphy@RTI.ORG writes:

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From: "Murphy, Joe" <jmurphy@RTI.ORG>
Subject: Re: MAPOR 2009 Call for Papers
Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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Since AAPORnet does not accept attachments, I have pasted the Call for
Papers below. I will send a second message with the Student Paper
Competition Announcement.

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I also wanted to share a word from Patricia Moy, MAPOR President,
regarding the 2009 conference:

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If you have some new and interesting research you'd like to present,
please consider submitting a proposal for the 2009 annual meeting of the
Midwest Association for Public Opinion Research. MAPOR meets in Chicago,
20-21 November 2009, with over two dozen panels focusing on theory and
methods related to public opinion. Our conference theme this year is
"Exploring the Future of Public Opinion Research." Our call for
submissions is below; the deadline is 30 June.

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Student papers accepted for presentation are eligible for the MAPOR Fellows Student Paper Competition. See attached call for additional information.

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For those of you who stopped by our booth at the all-chapter reception in Florida, you'll know that you need not live in the Midwest to attend MAPOR. Our tagline, after all, is "Midwest - it's a state of mind."

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We hope to see you in Chicago!

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Patricia Moy

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Call for Papers

Exploring the Future of Public Opinion Research

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November 20-21, 2009

Avenue Hotel, Chicago

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Annual Conference of the=20

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This year's conference theme is "Exploring the Future of Public Opinion Research." We encourage research focusing on new trends in public opinion research, be it conceptually with refined definitions of public opinion, or methodologically with new methods for public opinion research. MAPOR invites paper or panel proposals related to the conference theme, as well as any area relevant to public opinion research, theory, or methodology. =20

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Research Papers:

Submissions must be abstracts no longer than two typed, double-spaced pages in MS Word or PDF format. No full-length papers will be reviewed. In your e-mail submission, please include the name(s), institutional affiliation(s), and e-mail address(es) of all author(s) (not just the contact author). Make sure you remove all personally identifying information from your abstract before submitting it to allow for blind reviewing. Indicate whether this paper is a student paper. Student papers are those where all authors are enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program at the time of the conference

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You will receive notification of the action on your proposal by August 15.

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Student authors are encouraged to participate in the MAPOR Fellows Student Paper Competition. (See specific call for more details). =20

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Panel Proposals:

Submit a written proposal (up to two double-spaced pages). Proposals should identify the topic, explain its importance, and list the potential panelists and their areas of expertise. Panels related to the conference theme are especially encouraged. However, we may not be able to accommodate as many panels as usual given the big increase in submissions in recent years. =20

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Submission Information:

All abstracts (papers and panels) must be received no later than 5 p.m. CDT on June 30, 2009. Indicate if you would prefer to present your paper in the poster session. Please submit abstracts as electronic attachments in MS Word or PDF format via e-mail to abstracts@mapor.org. If you are unable to send attachments, you may submit the text in the body of the e-mail. Abstracts may also be sent by regular mail to:

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MAPOR Conference Chair

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Wisconsin-Madison
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Madison WI 53706
Tel: (1) 608-262-0482
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<http://www.mapor.org>

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Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2009 5:02 PM
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The first place winner will receive an award of \$200, a free conference registration, and a free ticket to the Friday MAPOR luncheon. Any other top-quality papers judged Honorable Mention will earn authors \$50 and free conference registration and a free Friday luncheon ticket. The winning paper will also be accepted for presentation at a session at next year's AAPOR conference, held in Chicago in May 2010.=20

Eligibility:=20

For the purposes of this competition, a student is someone enrolled in a graduate or undergraduate program at the time of the Conference. A paper authored by more than one person is a student paper if all parties are students according to the above definition. Students need not be members of MAPOR.

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The topic of the paper must conform to the general areas of scholarship that MAPOR addresses, which are (1) public opinion and (2) survey research methodology. The papers need not be quantitative nor must they report data in order to qualify for consideration in this competition.

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Procedure:

1) Students first need to submit an abstract of their paper, conforming to the 2009 MAPOR Call for Papers (see the call for more information). Deadline for submission is 5 p.m. CDT, June 30, 2009. Students should specify on a page accompanying the abstract that they are students. Send the submission by electronic mail to=20
abstracts@mapor.org.

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2) Once a student has been informed that his/her paper has been accepted for the 2009 conference, the student will need to submit a full paper electronically to Cecilie Gaziano (cgaziano@prodigy.net), by Friday September 25, 2009, to be eligible for consideration for the 2009 student paper competition. No hard-copy papers will be accepted. All papers must be accompanied by the student's name, USPS address, phone number, e-mail address, and the name and e-mail address of the student's faculty sponsor.=20

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A committee composed of MAPOR Fellows will make the awards. Winners will be announced at MAPOR's annual conference.=20

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Jaki McCarthy <Jaki_McCarthy@NASS.USDA.GOV>
Subject: In search of.....Book Reviewers
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu, SRMSNET@LISTSERV.UMD.EDU
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Hello colleagues (and apologies for cross posting),

As in the past, following a great time at the AAPOR conference, I am trying to refresh my list of people interested in reviewing books for the Journal of Official Statistics. I am currently the book review editor for JOS; if you are not familiar with the JOS, it is published by Statistics Sweden and publishes articles on statistical methods and theory. (See <http://www.jos.nu> for more information.) Book reviewers need only read books suitable for the journal's audience and write a review with their opinions. In exchange for the review, you get to keep the book and add publication of the review to your CV.

If you are interested in possibly being a reviewer, please reply with your areas of interest and contact information. (I'll also take suggestions for books that we might review.) If I have a book that might interest you I will contact you, let you know more details about how the review process works and you can decide if you want to do a review.

Please also forward this request to anyone else you know who would be interested. Thanks and looking forward to hearing from you!!

Jaki S. McCarthy, Book Review Editor
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Date: Fri, 22 May 2009 22:55:50 +0200
Reply-To: peter.mohler@uni-mannheim.de
Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Peter Mohler <peter.mohler@UNI-MANNHEIM.DE>
Subject: new evidence on a trigger incident of the 1968 unrest in Germany
Comments: To: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
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Dear Colleagues, it may take some time until the following news makes it to the US:
Some 42 years ago a student (Benno Ohnesorg) was killed by a West Berlin police officer during a large scale protest against the then Sha of Persia/Iran.
The officer was later cleared, claiming his shots were accidental.

This week new evidence was published - the police officer has been a member of the then SED (East German Socialist Party) and worked for the East German secret service (STASI).
No evidence is available yet, that the he got orders to kill someone at the demonstration. However, the death of Benno Ohnesorg and the clearing of the officer sparked major violent unrest in West Germany then.

Sometimes reality beats your blackest fantasies.
Regards
Peter Mohler

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From: "Shawna L. Avila" <slstigge@SOUTHERN.EDU>
Subject: Funding for Masters Theses
Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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I am a Masters student who is in the final proposal stage of her Masters = thesis. The Masters thesis=20 option is brand new in my program so there is no funding established thro= ugh the program or=20

university. Does anyone know if there are any external sources of funding for Masters level research=20
(My research is about public opinion about immigrants and immigration policy)?

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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Eugene Kritski <eugene.kritski@GLOBESCAN.COM>
Subject: Re: the PPS sampling and field cost
Comments: To: "AAPORNET@ASU.EDU" <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
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Any advice or reference on how to factor field cost variable in the PPS cluster sample will be greatly appreciated.

I thank you in advance,

Eugene Kritski

Eugene Kritski, Ph.D.
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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: Christina Lien <clien1021@GMAIL.COM>
Subject: Research among LGBT Catholics
Comments: To: AAPORNET@asu.edu

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Hello all,
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Thank you!

Christina Lien

Belden Russonello & Stewart

1320 19th Street, NW Suite 700

Washington, DC 20036

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christinalien@brspoll.com

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From: lawton@TECHSOCIETY.COM
Subject: Re: Research among LBGT Catholics
Comments: To: Christina Lien <clien1021@GMAIL.COM>
Comments: cc: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
In-Reply-To: <d4a373180905261235q5b267d8fy3c5a0a11e65d0bcf@mail.gmail.com>
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Depending on your research objectives, you might try using a qualitative method called respondent-driven sampling, which I call 'snowball sampling on steroids'. Cornell even has a web site devoted to this:
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-leora

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Subject: Re: Research among LGBT Catholics
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We have an org here in SoCal called PFLAG, you might try contacting to see if they are national.

Cathy

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Subject: Re: Research among LGBT Catholics

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Subject: Re: Research among LGBT Catholics
Comments: To: ccirina@MAIL.SDSU.EDU, AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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lawton@TECHSOCIETY.COM
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2009 1:18 PM
To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
Subject: Re: Research among LGBT Catholics

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"Dignity" is, I believe, the largest national organization for supporting and promoting the interests of gay/lesbian Catholics. If you work through organizations at all, I think you should be sure to contact them and see if you could sample from their mailing list, though they would probably have to send out the survey themselves, for confidentiality protection.

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Subject: Use of contingent surveys biases results
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Dear colleagues,

Those of use who conduct organizational surveys know that once employee attitude and opinion results are used to affect funding (e.g., high scoring organizations get bonuses or extra program dollars), the results quickly become contaminated. Managers, who were previously content to let their employees answer truthfully, will intervene and game the system when money is at stake. Anecdotal examples of this phenomenon abound, but I can't find any documentation. Any help would be appreciated.

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From: Timothy Elig <timothy.elig@VERIZON.NET>
Subject: Survey Research Analysts and Mathematical Statistician (Survey)
Positions

Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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If interested, please contact me for more information on openings.

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From: Paul DiPerna <pd_wpa21@YAHOO.COM>
Subject: Phone Survey Timing | summer effect?
Comments: To: AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
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Sender: AAPORNET <AAPORNET@ASU.EDU>
From: "Fries, John" <JFries@AARP.ORG>
Subject: Re: Phone Survey Timing | summer effect?
Comments: To: Paul DiPerna <pd_wpa21@YAHOO.COM>, AAPORNET@ASU.EDU
In-Reply-To: A<325912.79427.qm@web37002.mail.mud.yahoo.com>
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Hi Paul,

Here are at least two articles I am aware of from POQ.

MARY E. LOSCH, AARON MAITLAND, GENE LUTZ, PETER MARIOLIS, and STEVEN C. GLEASON

The Effect of Time of Year of Data Collection on Sample Efficiency: An Analysis of Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey Data
Public Opin Q, Winter 2002; 66: 594 - 607.

GIDEON VIGDERHOUS

Scheduling Telephone Interviews: A Study of Seasonal Patterns
Public Opin Q, SUMMER 1981; 45: 250 - 259.

In my estimation there isn't much reason to expect a systematic downturn in productivity over the summer. Of course the pattern could be different for different populations.

Anyway, hope this helps.

Best,

John

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"If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough."

-- Albert Einstein

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From: "Frank, Stephen" <sfrank@STCLOUDSTATE.EDU>
Subject: summer impact
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This might vary by state. I have heard estimates that about 1/3 of MN have = summer cabins but I could be wrong. Our experience is doing a telephone su= rvey in MN in the summer on Fridays, Saturdays until late Sunday is very di= fficult.

Also MN law doesn't allow K-12 to start school before labor day (State Fai= r-workers for resorts, etc)

Perhaps some other MN member can add or correct this.

sf

Nine-tenths of democracy is just showing up

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From: "Jeffrey C. Moore" <jeffrey.c.moore@CENSUS.GOV>
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What's the impact of an intent to record an interview on survey cooperation?
If anyone is aware of any published work which looks at the impact of interview recording on nonresponse/refusal I would appreciate whatever leads you could share.

Thanks.

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From: "Hu, Sean (CDC/CCHP/NCCDPHP)" <fik4@CDC.GOV>

Subject: Survey Research and methods Team Leader Positions

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Team Leader, Research and Methods Team

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All,

Can anyone suggest a reference that has a succinct summary of key social and societal changes over the past 20-30 years? I'm thinking about things that keep us busier than ever, or that have changed the nature of our lives, e.g. jobs, kids' schedules, long commutes, the 'sandwich' generation as our parents live longer, cell phones, the internet, and so forth. I'm more interested in the pre-recession years than the past year or two.

Thanks.

Karen Goldenberg

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Subject: Re: Summary of social/societal changes
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Karen--

Let me suggest an "off the wall" idea rather than a book (although Tom Brokaw's recent ones, not only about WWII) came to mind: perhaps contacting the Newseum's Library or its Education unit? The Newseum's mission seems to be to track such changes and broader ones in our daily lives. Their contact information is:

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Hope this helps,

Milton Goldsamt

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A colleague is writing a proposal for a door-to-door address listing=20
program in Puerto Rico. The addresses would be part of a randomly selecte=
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area probability sample and the Field Surveyors would work in urban and=20=

rural areas to physically verify the selected blocks and addresses. The=20=

listing process might take 8-10 weeks depending on the sample size.

We are hoping to get some feedback regarding the local challenges that we=

=20 might face when trying to locate and verify addresses (e.g. address=20
formats, postal service, assessing the level of difficulty with locating=20=

blocks in rural and urban areas, hiring local field staff, safety issues,=
=20

local laws regarding field operations, etc.)

Any information you can provide would be appreciated. Please feel free to=
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contact me by phone if you prefer

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I don't know this book, but it seems on topic. It follows 12 American families in detail.

Busier Than Ever!: Why American Families Can't Slow Down, by Charles Darrah et al.

Also, most of the futurists' books and articles try to back up their forecasts with evidence about current trends. There is a money-making cottage industry here. I would double-check any evidence found there. I'm now reading The Next 100 Years: A Forecast for the 21st Century by George Friedman. His "Overture" to the book is intriguing. The work is more fact-based than is common among the futurists, but he does have a pronounced tendency to see cycles in social changes.

There is the journal Social Trends.

A lot of Andrew Hacker's work would fall into your scope. There is a bibliography at <http://www.nybooks.com/authors/64>

A search of questions asked by polling firms might turn up two things:

- 1) Are pollsters, who are responsive to trends and concerns, asking more questions about your topic?
- 2) What are the results across time?

Pew has collated some of its reports at <http://pewresearch.org/topics/socialtrends/>

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Thanks.
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I think this is an area in which mass market magazines (newsweeklies, bi-weeklies, monthlies) often have excellent material. Many of us are exclusively focussed on more scholarly materials and neglect to include them in our searches. Writers who make a career out of doing pieces for Time, Fortune, The Atlantic Monthly, N.Y. Times Magazine, and the like are often quite insightful.

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Also look at AAPOR member John Robinson's work, and search for similar work in this literature stream on how Americans use time on scholar.google.com.

<http://www.psupress.psu.edu/books/titles/0-271-01970-0.html>

(John, no need for a lunch treat for that.)

-Doug

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Subject: Re: summer impact
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Frank:

I think there is more folklore about things like this than fact.

1. While most people take a vacation SOMETIME during the summer, if people averaged 2 weeks away during a 12 week summer, there would be 16% increased unavailability. A measurable increase, but hardly debilitating.
2. 1/3 have summer cabins? Gut check: this seems unbelievably high, unless you are interviewing a high income sample.

Conclusion: I have seen more secondary impacts than primary ones. That is, if the belief develops that these things are true, they become excuses for lower performance. I would be more concerned about the secondary effects (which, if such beliefs take hold, can be debilitating) than the relatively minor primary ones.

Caveat: I have not measured most of these systematically. But they do reflect 30 years of observations. I have, over the years, heard many myths explaining why interviewing rates were low. (My favorite: Canadian Ground Hog Day. Really).

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On Wed, May 27, 2009 at 9:43 AM, Frank, Stephen
<sfrank@stcloudstate.edu>wrote:

> This might vary by state. I have heard estimates that about 1/3 of MN have
> summer cabins but I could be wrong. Our experience is doing a telephone
> survey in MN in the summer on Fridays, Saturdays until late Sunday is very
> difficult.

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> Also MN law doesn't allow K-12 to start school before labor day (State
> Fair-workers for resorts, etc)
>
> Perhaps some other MN member can add or correct this.
>
> sf
>
> Nine-tenths of democracy is just showing up
>
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Comments: To: Paul DiPerna <pd_wpa21@yahoo.com>
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If you extend the field period to the entire summer (or most of it), there should be minimal effects, since virtually no one is away for the entire summer.

If you concentrate the field period to a couple of weeks, you will miss a small segment of people.

(See my response of a few minutes ago).

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On Wed, May 27, 2009 at 8:04 AM, Paul DiPerna <pd_wpa21@yahoo.com> wrote:

> Can anyone on our list share phone survey experiences during summer months?

>

> We are in the middle of some project planning, and there are opposing views
> about attaining adequate response in June, July, or August..

>

> The population to be surveyed will be lower to middle income parents, and
> the survey is focused on schooling and the use of scholarships.

>

> Are there research articles or references that address a problematic summer
> "effect" for polling?

>

> I'll be grateful for any insights-

>

> Paul

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Can anyone recommend a cost effective service for conducting background checks on large numbers of interviewers?

I'm grateful for any suggestions.

Thanks,

Julie

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Religion & Social Attitudes

Philip Brenner - University of Wisconsin - Madison

10:15 am - 10:50 am

Elections, Religion, and Race of Interviewer Effects

Amy Simon - Goodwin Simon Victoria Research

11:00 am - 11:35 am

Cell phones

Jill Darling - Darling Consulting

11:45 am - 12:30 pm

Lunch

(will be provided)

12:40 pm - 1:15 pm

New data collection methods including text message surveys, interactive features in Web surveys and new measures of literacy.

Jennie Pearson - Graduate Research Assistant / Survey Research and Methodology Program / University of Nebraska-Lincoln

1:25 pm - 2:00 pm

Health Care & Cultural Issues

Carolina Gutierrez - Kaiser Family Foundation

2:10 pm - 2:45 pm

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